WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Deaths due to encephalitis in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh

*283. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of persons died during September and October this year due to Encephalitis in the Gorakhpur district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to check this disease ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR) : (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, the number of deaths due to Japanese Encephalitis in Gorakhpur district during September-October, 1991 was 22 and 73 respectively.

The Government of Uttar Pradesh have reported that the following containment measures were undertaken:—

- Issue of Guidelines for prevention and control of Japanese Encephalitis to the District Health Authorities.
- Stocking adequate quantity of insecticide for vector control and medicines for management of Japanese Encephalitis cases.
- Intensive fogging operations in the affected areas.
- Arrangements for the timely transportation of patients to treatment centres.
- Deputing 3 teams to supervise arrangements for assisting the District Health Staff in the control of Japanese Encephalitis.

The Government of India has been providing assistance in the form of insecticide to the State Government for undertaking control measures.

The Indian Council of Medical Research is also assisting the Government of Uttar Pradesh through its field unit at Gorakhpur on various aspects relating to transmission and management of Japanese Encephalitis.

Project report on Central Research Insitute, Kasauli

*286. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received project reports from Central Research Institute (CRI), Kasauli in the year 1987 for indigenous production of oral polio vaccine and vaccine for Japanese Encephalitis; and

(b) by when the clearance is likely to be given ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project for production of Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) was scrutinised and it was not found feasible to start production of OPV at CRI, Kasauli due to lack of availability of adequate water supply which is required in huge quantity.

As regards vaccine for Japanese Encephalitis, the production of the same has already started in CRI, Kasauli during the year 1987-88.

Development of Ayurveda system of medicine

*287. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any plans to develop Ayurveda, the classical Indian system of medicine, in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to set up Ayurvedic centres and hospitals in the State of Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) National Health Policy assigns an important role to the Indigenous Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy to supplement the role of modern medicine in the delivery of primary health care.

Government is giving critical inputs for improvement of medical education, quality control of drugs and research.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Setting up and running of hospitals and dispensaries is the responsibility of the States.

Delegation of powers under the Forest Act

*288. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Gujarat Government regarding delegation of Powers under the Forest (Conservation) Act;

(b) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have been representing in this regard; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No formal proposal has been received from the Government of Gujarat regarding delegation of powers under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) and (c) State Governments have, from time to time, been making suggestions in this regard. Some relaxations have been made in the rules alongwith delegation of powers to the Regional offices of the Ministry to finally dispose of cases of small diversion of forest land under the forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

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*289. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
कुमारी आलिया :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने मलेरिया के उन्मूलन के लिए, कीटनाशकों के उपयोग के विकल्प के रूप में एकीकृत जैव-पर्यावरणीय नीति को अपनाया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या यह प्रयोग इसकी लागत की तुलना में उपयोगी पाया गया है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री एम० एल० फोतेदार) : (क) से (ग) वैक्टर नियंत्रण के लिये कीटनाशक के इस्तेमाल के लिए एक विकल्प के रूप में जैव-पर्यावरणिक नीति को अपनाने व संभावनाओं की प्रयोगात्मक आधार पर छान-बीन की जा रही है ।

मलेरिया अनुसंधान केंद्र बारह परियोजनाओं में मलेरिया के नियंत्रण के लिए वैकल्पिक उपायों को बढ़ावा दे रहा है । इन परियोजनाओं के अंतर्गत मच्छरों पर नियंत्रण जीव-वैज्ञानिक, पर्यावरणीय तथा व्यक्तिगत सुरक्षा पद्धतियों के जरिए किया जा रहा है ।

जीवनाशियों का इस्तेमाल करके उनकी प्रभावकारिता तथा लागत प्रभावों का मूल्यांकन करने के लिए व्यापक फील्ड परीक्षण भी शुरू किए गए हैं ।